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MY MISSION TRIP REFLECTIONS

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God turned our “no” to “maybe”, and from a “maybe” to a “sure thing” and from the “sure thing” to a “Ok, I know why I am here”.

The reasons I hesitated going on this STM trip:

- Busy travel: 2016 has been a busy year, with going back to Hong Kong for family reasons and being in Cambodia for our annual short term missions trip;
- Financial burden: although there are financial support for the missions team, it was still a huge burden;
- Tired wife: Debbie has been to two STM trips this year. When I talked to her about this trip for the first time, her “no” was understandable, yes, it is going to be really tired for her going on to a total five overseas trip in one year. But after prayers and different conversations with different

people, Debbie later decided to obey and join the team. And with that said, I decided to join, as I don’t want to “miss out” the things that God wants us to see.

Here are a few notes and reflections that I have taken during the trip:

- 1) During the visitations, I saw a lot of brokenness in the families and the bondage of money on their lives. What is the reason for their “just a little bit more” thinking? Who are we really serving, and ultimately, what is the point of having a big and luxurious house?
- 2) We have visited some pretty dangerous places on visitation. Pastor Ching brought up a good reminder – Chinese can pretty much survive in every hardship and live in any corner of the world. Their will and

determination to earn a living is unbelievable. What if we can use that will and determination to strife for the Lord’s Kingdom instead?

- 3) God has already given you and I gifts and blessings, why do we only focus on losing the trivial stuff?
- 4) If I am going to serve, why not for the Chinese?
- 5) The young adults there need a lot of guidance and help, but their resources are limited.

It was such a blessing for us to be able to join this trip and be able to serve alongside, and to talk to, our support missionary. Listening to their stories about how they came to Christ, how they all of a sudden decided to serve long-term, and how they are serving. God has a better plan, and we will see where God is going to lead us.

RECIFE – THE VENICE OF BRAZIL

Brazilians like to live along the coast, with eighty-seven percentage of the nation’s population living there. Chinese are no exceptions. They also like to live in big cities. This year our STM team will go and serve, Recife, known as the “Venice” of Brazil, is a city surrounded by rivers big and small, peninsulas, and small islands.

Recife has become the fifth largest city in the country. It is one of the largest cities in the northeast region, with a population of more than 1.6 million. Modern newly built hotels, high-rise buildings are everywhere, surrounding the entire coastline.

The Chinese living in Recife are divided into two categories: The first category

are immigrants from Taiwan who immigrated in the 1980s. The level of how much Portuguese they speak varies with their age and their educational experience. The first Chinese church was founded by this group of immigrants. The second category belongs to immigrants from Fujian, Wenzhou, Qingtian and other places of

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that Rev. Douglas and Whitney Wu will have abundant strength physically and spiritually.
2. Intercede for the university application of Rev. Wu's son.
3. Alex and family will be coming to the U.S. from July 10 to September 27 to seek support. Please ask God to open paths and doors for them as they plan to begin serving in South Africa in October.
4. The congregants of the Pretoria Fu-Qing Chinese Church have not been stable at their monthly evening worship. Please pray that the brothers and sisters there will be encouraged to earnestly go and participate.
5. Pray for God to inspire the believers of the various churches in South Africa to cultivate their daily habit of studying the Bible and growth in His Word.
6. Continue to pray for political and law and order in South Africa.
7. Brazil STM schedule: July 5 at Recife, July 12 in Brasilia and July 19 at Belo Horizonte. Pray that the believers there can be refined and be built up. Pray also that the brothers and sisters on the STM teams will have the Holy Spirit's leading and peace and joy.
8. The Happy Kids and Happy Teens in Sao Paulo will finish their school term on June 28. A ten-day holiday will be followed by three weeks of winter session. Pray for them to have a wonderful time of rest.
9. Pray for the believers of the Salvador church and ask God to keep them strong and rooted in His Word.
10. Pray for the coworkers small group in the Belo Horizonte church. Ask God to add to their strength, learn to support each other in ministry, and serve God with much confidence.
11. Pray for the spiritual and physical wellbeing of the brothers and sisters at the church in Belo Horizonte. Because of the weak economy and the declining civil safety, many of them have lost interest and desire to attend the gatherings.
12. Pray for more brothers and sisters at the church in Porto Alegre to be raised up to learn how to serve God and work with each other this year.
13. Pray for the church in Brasilia to equip their new coworkers with the correct attitude of serving. Pray for the believers to be willing to learn to preach the Gospel.
14. Pray for Rev. Isaac Quan of CIM Canada. Ask the Lord to strengthen him to share cross-culturally through short-term missions in the local people of West Africa.
15. Pray for the various ministries in Ghana and Togo of West Africa. Ask the Lord to raise up more brothers and sisters to join in STM trips and support the ministry.
16. CIM is preparing for our 25th Thanksgiving gathering on September 24. Ask that God will bless us to smoothly arrange everything according to His will.
17. Pray for the members of the 25th anniversary publication committee that they are able to finish in a timely manner.
18. Ask God to bless coworkers on the home front with wisdom; that they will offer their best to accomplish what the Lord has bestowed upon us.
19. Please ask God to prepare more new coworkers to join in CIM's service.
20. Ask the Lord to provide abundantly in all areas of CIM's ministry.

work in dollar stores, gifts shops, and restaurants.

In 2012, CIM sent the first STM team to Recife, visited a local Chinese church started in the nineties by an elderly pastor from Sao Paulo. But later the pastor left. And even though there have been pastoral coworkers went to help and support the work at different times, it is still a desolate situation. Believers

are not keen to participate in the worship and coworkers are not willing to persevere. It used to be that if there were ministering pastors passing through the Recife area, the believers would be gathered to meet, there are no church services on any given Sunday. Early this year, CIM received invitation, having learned that several believers have

been holding the idea of not give up meeting together, and now began to worship every Sunday, sometimes reading the Bible, and sometimes listening to pre-recorded worship services. We thank God for the opportunity to bring the Gospel there, to disciple believers, and to strengthen their faith. Ask God to help them willing to grow in His Word, passing the Gospel to the Chinese friends around them!

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 2017

	Income	Expense	Balance
General	\$9,012	\$4,102	\$4,910
Missions	\$6,031	\$3,449	\$2,582
Total	\$15,043	\$7,551	\$7,492

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